

V. REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-11, 15 and 17-18 are rejected under 35U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schoenthaler (U.S. Patent No. 5,162,613). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

New Claim 1 includes novel features that are not disclosed in the Schoenthaler reference:

- (1) pressure member is protruding from the wire;
- (2) a couple of holding members sandwiching the pressing member;
- (3) the holding member is lower than the pressing member; and
- (4) mechanical structure to produce a couple pressing and stretching forces between the pressing member and the holding members with elastically restoring forces.

Schoenthaler discloses the interconnection of plurality of bond sites (14) on a semiconductor chip (10). The Examiner points out that the elastomer matrix 20 as the pressing member and the metallized areas 16 as the wire in the claim. Since the elastomer matrix 20 is not protruding from the metallized areas 16, the structure is different. The wire in the claim is usually extended from the isolated metallized areas 16. So the metallized areas 16 do not correspond to the wire in the claim. The Examiner also points out the adhesive 26 as the holding member in the claim. Since the claim is now amended to recite a couple of holding members sandwiching the pressing means, the structure is now clearly different. At the same time, the specific structure to produce a couple of pressing and stretching forces between the pressing member and the holding members with elastically restoring forces is not disclosed in the Schoenthaler reference.

Therefore, the specific structure of the claimed invention is not anticipated by the Schoenthaler reference.

Since independent Claim 1 is not anticipated by the Schoenthaler, the dependent claims are not anticipated by the reference either.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is improper because the applied art fails to teach each and every element of claim 1, as discussed above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable over the applied art.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 8, 14, 16, 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 325 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Schoenthaler.

Since amended Claim 1 now includes various features that are not disclosed in the Schoenthaler reference, the dependent claims above are not anticipated by the reference either.

Since Schoenthaler does not teach, suggest or motivate the person skilled in the art to reach the specific structure of the claimed invention, those dependent claims are not obvious over Schoenthaler.

Present invention provides a new and useful connector which can secure the flexibility in designing a wire pattern of a wiring board.

Claims 2, 9, 10 and 13 are canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

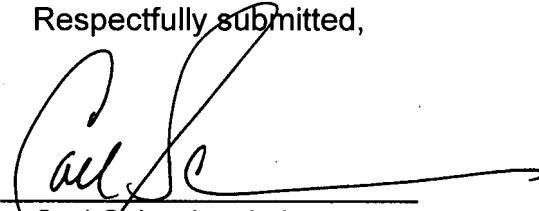
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the

telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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